

# Speaker Registration/Testimony

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**Council/PH Committee (\*)** Zoning  
**Agenda Item (\*)** Bill 20  
**Your position on the matter (\*)** Support  
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**Organization**  
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## Written Testimony

We need more rental units for low and moderate income people in Hawaii--we cannot reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness without increasing our stock of truly affordable housing. Allowing the development of ADUs creates the potential of dramatically increasing the number of rental units available without significant government investment. In addition, ADUs will help homeowners afford their homes, allow kupuna to age in place, and will support the local economy by increasing work for local builders and contractors. There are few downsides to this approach. Currently there are a large number of illegal ADUs and little is done to enforce the existing law. Creating a system where ADUs are lawful and can help fulfill the high demand for housing will make it more likely that the units will be code-compliant and that owners will pay relevant taxes and fees. By passing this resolution, you will be helping those who are currently cost-burdened, overcrowded, or homeless; at the same time you will be providing homeowners with a means to obtain supplemental income that may ultimately allow them to keep their homes, or that will allow them to accumulate assets that will lead to their long-term financial stability. Please pass the resolution. Aloha.

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